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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology, State University of New York at Albany, 1999

Areas of Specialization: Crime and Deviance

Dissertation Title: “Violence and Mental Illness from a Social Disorganization Perspective: An Analysis of Individual and Community Risk Factors” (Steven Messner, Chair)

M.A. Sociology, State University of New York at Albany, 1993

Master’s Thesis Title: “Testing the Limits of the Moral Order: A Multi-State Comparison of the Lengths of Confinement of Successful and Unsuccessful Insanity Defendants” (Steven Messner, Chair)

B.A. Psychology, State University of New York at Albany, 1989

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2010 - Professor of Sociology and Criminology, Penn State

2003 - 2010 Associate Professor of Crime, Law, and Justice and Sociology, Penn State

1999 - 2003 Assistant Professor of Crime, Law, and Justice and Sociology, Penn State

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

2013 – 2017 Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State

2009 - 2013 Associate Department Head, Department of Sociology and Crime, Law, and Justice, Penn State

2003 - 2009 Director of Graduate Studies, Crime, Law and Justice Program, Penn State

**NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

1991 - 1999 Senior Research Associate/Analyst, Policy Research Associates, Inc., Delmar, NY.

1988 - 1991 Research Assistant, Policy Research Associates, Inc., Delmar, NY.

## HONORS/AWARDS

2023 Open Inquiry Teaching Award from [Heterodox Academy](#): “For the educator who has most effectively integrated open inquiry, viewpoint diversity, or constructive disagreement into the classroom and/or curriculum.”

2013 Malvin E. and Lea P. Bank Outstanding Teaching Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State.

2007 Faculty Advisor Award, selected by student members of Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice Honor Society.

2005 Outstanding Tenure-Line Teaching Award, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State.

2002 Ruth Shonle Cavan Award for outstanding early career contributions to the discipline of criminology, American Society of Criminology.

2002 Saleem Shah award for early career excellence, American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41 of the American Psychological Association) and the American Society of Forensic Psychology.

2002 Manfred Guttmacher Award for the Oxford University Press book, *Rethinking Risk Assessment: The MacArthur Study of Mental Disorder and Violence* (Monahan, Steadman, Silver et al., 2001), American Psychiatric Association.

1998-1999 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Recipient, National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR) (Mentor: Edward P. Mulvey).

1998 American Society of Criminology Graduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by the Division of Critical Criminology. (“Actuarial Risk Assessment: Reflections on an Emerging Social Scientific Tool.”)

1994 American Sociological Association Graduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by the Crime, Law and Deviance section. (“Testing the Limits of the Moral Order: A Multi-State Comparison of the Lengths of Confinement of Successful and Unsuccessful Insanity Defendants.”)

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (\* = current or former graduate student co-author)

Silver, J, and **Silver, E.** In the Eye of the Beholder: A “Fact Perceptions” Approach for Explaining Partisan Gaps in Gun Beliefs and Ownership. *Justice Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2025.2534400>

2025 Felson, R., **Silver, E.**, and Silver, J. R. Reactions to Sexual and Monetary Bribes. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-025-09670-z>

- 2025 \*Iceland, J., **Silver, E.** and Goff, K. Racial Identity and Endorsements of Anti-Black and Anti-White Stereotypes. *Sociological Perspectives*, 68(1-3): 164-185.
- 2024\* **Silver, E.**, Iceland, J., and Goff, K. Beyond Racial Resentment: Systemic Racism Beliefs and Public Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Institutions and Reforms. *Social Science Quarterly*, 105(4): 1280-1295. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13413>
- 2024\* **Silver, E.**, Iceland, J., and Goff, K. Race Differences in Support for Antiracism Policies: Endorsements of Anti-Black and Anti-White Racial Stereotypes. *Social Science Quarterly*, 105(4): 1308-1324. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13416>
- 2024\* Goff, K., **Silver, E.**, and Iceland, J. The Moral Foundations of Christian Nationalism. *Sociology of Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srae029>
- 2024 Iceland, and **Silver, E.** When All You Have is a Hammer: How Social Justice Distorts What We Know about Racial Disparities. *Theory & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-024-09568-1>
- 2024 Felson, R., and **Silver, E.** Rape or Homicide: Which is Worse? *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-023-02799-w>
- 2023\* **Silver, E.**, Goff, K., and Iceland, John. Social Justice and Social Order: Moral Intuitions and Endorsements of Antiblack and Antiwhite Stereotypes. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231231217832>
- 2023 **Silver, E.**, Ulmer, J. T., and Silver, J. R. (forthcoming). Do Moral Intuitions Influence Judges' Sentencing Decisions? A Multilevel Study of Criminal Court Sentencing in Pennsylvania. *Social Science Research*. Advanced publication: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102927>
- 2023 Felson, R., and **Silver, E.** Moral Reactions to Sexual Relationships that Violate Age Norms. *Journal of Sex Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2023.2192196>
- 2023\* Iceland, J., **Silver, E.**, and Goff, K. Moral Intuitions and Attitudes towards Affirmative Action. *Social Science Research*, 110: 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102848>
- 2023\* Iceland, J., **Silver, E.**, and Goff, K. For Whom Is Patriotism Blind? Examining the Roles of Moral Intuitions and System Justification. *Social Science Research*, 112: 1-11. Advanced publication: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2022.102811>
- 2023\* Ulmer, J., **Silver, E.**, and Hanrath, L. Back to Basics: A Critical Examination of the Focal Concerns Framework from The Perspective of Judges. *Justice Quarterly*, 40(6): 813-836. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2022.2132274>

- 2023\* Iceland, J., **Silver, E.**, and Goff, K. Moral Intuitions and Vaccine Hesitancy During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Social Science Quarterly* 104: 230-247.
- 2023 **Silver, E.** Bystander Reporting on a College Campus: Moral Intuitions as a Precursor to Informal Social Control. *Deviant Behavior* 44(3):398-420.
- 2022\* Goff, K., **Silver, E.**, and Iceland, J. The Resonance of Repression: Moral Intuitions, Skepticism Toward Racial Injustice, and Public Support for Trump’s “Law and Order” Response to the 2020 Racial Justice Protests. *Socius: Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. DOI: 10.1177/23780231221110277
- 2022\* **Silver, E.**, Goff, K., and Iceland, J. Social Order and Social Justice: Moral Intuitions, Systemic Racism Beliefs, and Americans’ Divergent Attitudes Toward Black Lives Matter and Police. *Criminology* 60(2):342-369.
- 2022\* Goff, K., **Silver, E.** and Sigfusdottir, I.D. Academic Orientation as a Function of Moral Fit: The Role of Individualizing Morality. *Sociology of Education*. Advance publication: DOI: 10.1177/00380407211072428
- 2022 **Silver, E.**, and Silver, S. The Influence of Moral Intuitions on Americans’ Divergent Reactions to Reports of Sexual Assault and Harassment. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 37(21-22):41-64.
- 2021 **Silver, E.**, Silver, J., and Sigfusdottir, I.D. Moral Intuitions and Suicide Risk: Results from a National Sample of Icelandic Youth. *Social Forces* 99(4):1799-1826.
- 2021 Silver, J., and **Silver, E.** The Nature and Role of Morality in Offending: A Moral Foundations Approach. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 58(3): 343-380.
- 2021 **Silver, E.**, and Silver, J. Morality and Self-Control: The Role of Binding and Individualizing Moral Motives. *Deviant Behavior* 42(3):366-385.
- 2020 **Silver, E.** Students’ Attitudes Toward College Drinking: A Moral Intuitionist Approach. *Deviant Behavior* 41(8):1033-1051.
- 2017 Silver, J., and **Silver, E.** Why are Conservatives More Punitive than Liberals? A Moral Foundations Approach. *Law and Human Behavior*, 41(3): 258-272.
- 2016\* **Silver, E.**, and Abell, L. Beyond Harm and Fairness: A Study of Deviance and Morality. *Deviant Behavior*, 37(5): 496-508.
- 2013\* Burchfield, K., and **Silver, E.** Collective Efficacy and Crime in Los Angeles Neighborhoods: Implications for the Latino Paradox. *Sociological Inquiry*, 83: 154-176.
- 2012 **Silver, E.**, and Ulmer, Jeffrey T. Future Selves and Self-Control Motivation: Toward a

- Conceptualization of the “Self” in Self-Control Theory. *Deviant Behavior*, 33:699-714.
- 2012\* Felson, R., **Silver, E.**, and Remster, B. Mental Disorder and Offending in Prison. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 39: 125-143.
- 2012\* Staff, J., VanEseltine, M., Woolnough, A., **Silver, E.**, and Burrington, L. Adolescent Work Experiences and Family Behaviors. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 22(1): 150-164.
- 2011\* **Silver, E.**, Silver, S. J., Siennick, S., and Farkas, G. Bodily Signs of Academic Success: An Empirical Examination of Tattoos and Grooming. *Social Problems* 58: 538-564.
- 2011 **Silver, E.**, Piquero, A., Jennings, W., Piquero, N., and Leiber, M. Assessing the Violent Offending and Violent Victimization Overlap among Discharged Psychiatric Patients. *Law and Human Behavior* 35:49-59.
- 2009\* **Silver, E.**, VanEseltine, M., and Silver, S. Tattoo Acquisition: A Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescents. *Deviant Behavior* 30: 511-538.
- 2009\* Gault, M., **Silver, E.**, and Sigfusdottir, I. Gender and the Consequences of Childhood Sexual Abuse: A National Study of Icelandic Youth. *Social Science & Medicine* 69: 1515-1522.
- 2009\* Sigfusdottir, I.D, and **Silver, E.** Emotional Reactions to Stress among Adolescent Boys and Girls: An Examination of the Mediating Mechanisms Proposed by General Strain Theory. *Youth and Society* 40:571-590.
- 2009\* Teasdale, B. and **Silver, E.** Neighborhood Disadvantage and Low Self-Control: Toward an Expanded View of Socialization. *Social Problems* 56:205-222.
- 2008\* **Silver, E.**, Felson, R., and VanEseltine, M. The Relationship between Mental Health Problems and Violence among Criminal Offenders. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 35:406-426 (lead article).
- 2008\* Gault, M. and **Silver, E.** Spuriousness or Mediation? Broken Windows Theory According to Sampson and Raudenbush (1999). *Journal of Criminal Justice* 36:240-243.
- 2006 **Silver, E.** Understanding the Relationship between Mental Disorder and Violence: The Need for a Criminological Perspective. *Law and Human Behavior* 30:685-706.
- 2006\* Haynie, D. L., **Silver, E.**, and Teasdale, B. Neighborhood Characteristics, Peer Influence, and Adolescent Violence. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 22:147-169.
- 2006\* Teasdale, B., **Silver, E.**, and Monahan, J. (2006). Gender, Threat/Control-Override Delusions and Violence. *Law and Human Behavior* 30: 649-658.

- 2006 Skeem, J., **Silver, E.**, Appelbaum, P., and Tiemann, J. Suicidal Behavior After Psychiatric Hospital Discharge: Implications for Risk Assessment and Management. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law* 24: 731-746.
- 2006 Fisher, B., **Silver, E.**, and Wolff, N. Beyond Criminalization: Toward a Criminologically Informed Framework for Mental health Policy and Services Research. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research* 33:544-557.
- 2006 Monahan, J., Steadman, H., Appelbaum, P., Grisso, T., Mulvey, E., Roth, L., Robbins, P., Banks, S., and **Silver, E.** The classification of violence risk. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law* 24:721-730.
- 2005 **Silver, E.**, Arseneault, L., Langley, J., Caspi, A., and Moffitt, T. Mental Disorder and Violent Victimization in a Total Birth Cohort. *American Journal of Public Health* 95:2015-2021.
- 2005\* **Silver, E.** and Teasdale, B. Mental Disorder and Violence: An Examination of Stressful Life Events and Impaired Social Support. *Social Problems* 52:62-78. Article reprinted in *Sociology of Mental Illness*. F/C 2009. Edited by Jane D. McLeod and Eric R. Wright. Oxford University Press: New York.
- 2005 Monahan, J., Steadman, H. J., Robbins, P C., Appelbaum, P., Banks, S., Grisso, T., Heilbrun, K., Mulvey, E. P., Roth, L., and **Silver, E.** An Actuarial Model of Violence Risk Assessment for Persons with Mental Disorder. *Psychiatric Services* 56:810-815.
- 2004 **Silver, E.** and Miller, L. Sources of Informal Social Control in Chicago Neighborhoods. *Criminology* 42:551-583.
- 2004\* Sigfusdottir, I., Farkas, G., and **Silver, E.** The Role of Depressed Mood and Anger in the Relationship between Family Conflict and Delinquent Behavior. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 33:509-522.
- 2004 Skeem, J., Mulvey, E., Appelbaum, P. S., Banks, S., Grisso, T., **Silver, E.**, and Robbins, P. Identifying Subtypes of Civil Psychiatric Patients at Highest Risk for Violence. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 31:392-437.
- 2004 Banks, S., Robbins, P., **Silver, E.**, Vesselinov, R., Steadman, E. P., Monahan, J., Mulvey, E. P., Appelbaum, P. S., Grisso, T., and Roth, L. A Multiple Models Approach to Violence Risk Assessment Among People with Mental Disorder. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 31: 324-340.
- 2003 Robbins, P. C., Monahan, J., and **Silver, E.** Mental Disorder, Violence, and Gender. *Law and Human Behavior* 27: 561-571. Reprinted in Roesch, R., and McLachlan, K. (Eds.) (2007). *Clinical forensic psychology and law*. Hampshire, UK: Ashgate.

- 2003 Monahan, J. and **Silver E.** Judicial Decision Thresholds for Violence Risk Management. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health* 2: 1-6.
- 2002 **Silver, E.**, Mulvey, E. P., and Swanson, J. W. Neighborhood Structural Characteristics and Mental Disorder: Faris and Dunham Revisited. *Social Science and Medicine* 55: 1457-1470.
- 2002\* **Silver, E.**, and Chow-Martin, L. A Multiple Models Approach to Assessing Recidivism Risk: Implications for Judicial Decision Making. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 29: 538-568.
- 2002 **Silver, E.** Mental Disorder and Violent Victimization: The Mediating Effect of Involvement in Conflicted Social Relationships. *Criminology*, 40(1): 191-212.
- 2002 **Silver, E.** and Miller, L. L. A Cautionary Note on the Use of Actuarial Risk Assessment Tools for Social Control. *Crime & Delinquency*, 48(1): 138-161.
- 2002 Monahan, J., Heilbrun, K., **Silver, E.**, Nabors, E., Bone, J., and Slovic, P. Communicating Violence Risk: Frequency Formats, Vivid Outcomes, and Forensic Settings. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health* 1:121-126.
- 2001 **Silver, E.** Guest Editorial: Neighborhood Social Disorganization as a Cofactor in Violence Among People with Mental Disorder. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 45(4): 403-406. (invited and reviewed by editor).
- 2001 Engel, R. S. and **Silver, E.** Policing Mentally Disordered Suspects: A Reexamination of the Criminalization Hypothesis. *Criminology*, 39(2): 225-252. (lead article)
- 2000 **Silver, E.** Extending Social Disorganization Theory: A Multilevel Approach to the Study of Violence Among Persons with Mental Illnesses. *Criminology*, 38(4): 1043-1074.
- 2000 **Silver, E.**, Smith, W. R., and Banks, S. Constructing Actuarial Devices for Predicting Recidivism: A Comparison of Methods. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 27(6): 733-764.
- 2000 **Silver, E.** Race, Neighborhood Disadvantage, and Violence Among Persons with Mental Disorders: The Importance of Contextual Measurement. *Law and Human Behavior*, 24(4): 449-456.
- 2000 **Silver, E.** Actuarial Risk Assessment: Reflections on an Emerging Social Scientific Tool. *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 9: 123-143.
- Winner of the 1998 Graduate Student Paper Competition sponsored by the American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology.

- 2000 Steadman, H. J., **Silver, E.**, Monahan, J. Appelbaum, P. Robbins, P. C., Mulvey, E. P., Grisso, T., Roth, L. H., and Banks, S. Enhancing the Clinical Usefulness of Actuarial Violence Risk Assessment Tools: A Classification Tree Approach. *Law and Human Behavior*, 24(1): 83-100.
- 2000 Monahan, J., Steadman, H. J., Appelbaum, P. S., Robbins, P. C., Mulvey, E. P., **Silver, E.**, Roth, L. H., and Grisso, T. Developing a Clinically Useful Actuarial Tool for Assessing Violence Risk. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 176: 312-319.
- 1999 **Silver, E.**, Mulvey, E. P., and Monahan, J. Assessing Violence Risk Among Discharged Psychiatric Patients: Toward an Ecological Approach. *Law and Human Behavior*, 23(2): 235-253.
- 1999 Steadman, H. J., Robbins, P. C., **Silver, E.**, Mulvey, E. P., Roth, L. H., Monahan, J., Appelbaum, P. S., and Grisso, T. Violence in the Mentally Ill: Questions Remain - In reply. *Archives of General Psychiatry*, 56(2): 193-194.
- 1998 Steadman, H. J., Mulvey, E. P., Monahan, J., Robbins, P. C., Appelbaum, P. S., Grisso, T., Roth, L. H., and **Silver, E.** Violence by People Discharged From Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Facilities and by Others in the Same Neighborhoods. *Archives of General Psychiatry*, 55: 393-401.
- 1998 Callahan, L., and **Silver, E.** Factors Associated with the Conditional Release of Persons Acquitted by Reason of Insanity: A Decision Tree Approach. *Law and Human Behavior*, 22(2):147-163.
- 1998 Callahan, L., and **Silver, E.** Revocation of Conditional Release: A Comparison of Individual and Program Characteristics Across Four States. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 21(2): 177-186.
- 1995 **Silver, E.** Punishment or Treatment? Comparing the Lengths of Confinement of Successful and Unsuccessful Insanity Defendants. *Law and Human Behavior*, 19(4): 375-88.
- 1994 Appelbaum, P. S., Jick, R. Z., Grisso, T., Givelber, D., **Silver, E.**, and Steadman, H. J. Use of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and the Insanity Defense - Reply. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 151(1): 153
- 1994 **Silver, E.**, Cirincione, C., and Steadman, H. J. Demythologizing Inaccurate Perceptions of the Insanity Defense. *Law and Human Behavior*, 18(1): 63-70. (Cited by the United States Supreme Court, Shannon v. U.S., 512 U.S. 573.)
- 1993 Appelbaum, P. S., Jick, R. Z., Grisso, T., Givelber, D., **Silver, E.**, and Steadman, H. J. Use of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder to Support an Insanity Defense. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 150(2): 229-234.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

**Silver, E.**, Iceland, J., and Goff, K. Beyond Black and White: Racial Stereotyping and Support for Racial Redress Policies

Ulmer, J., Silver, J., and **Silver, E.** Do Judges' Moral Foundations Influence Their Punishment of Specific Crimes? Evidence from Pennsylvania Sentencing.

Atac, E., **Silver, E.**, and Iceland, J. Racial Stereotyping and Support for Immigration.

Iceland, J. **Silver, E.**, and Atac, E. Moral Intuitions and Support for Immigration.

Ferstl, E., Iceland, J., and **Silver, E.** Place, Partisanship, and Prejudice: Place Identity and Anti-Black Racial Attitudes Among White Americans.

Leiter, V., **Silver, E.**, and Iceland, J. Political Ideology and Perceived Racial Discrimination Across Race Groups.

## BOOK(S) and CHAPTER(S)

2024 Iceland, J. **Silver, E.** Does Economic Liberalism Reduce Poverty? Pp. 21-44 in [\*Sociology and Classical Liberalism in Dialogue: Freedom is Something We Do Together\*](#) (Fabio Rojas & Charlotta Stern, eds.). Lexington Books.

2023 Iceland, J., **Silver, E.**, and Redstone, I. [\*Why We Disagree About Inequality: Social Justice vs. Social Order\*](#). Polity Press.

2011 Skeem, J., Peterson, Jillian, and **Silver, E.** Toward Research-Informed Policy for High-Risk Offenders with Serious Mental Illness. Bernadette McSherrey and Patrick Keyser (Eds.), *Managing High Risk Offenders: Policy and Practice*. Routledge.

2001 **Silver, E.** *Violence and Mental Illness: The Importance of Neighborhood Context*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing LLC

2001 Monahan, J., Steadman, H. J., **Silver, E.**, Appelbaum, P. S., Robbins, P. C., Mulvey, E. P., Roth, L. H., Grisso, T., and Banks, S. *Rethinking Risk Assessment: The MacArthur Study of Mental Disorder and Violence*. Oxford University Press.

- Winner of the 2002 Manfred Guttmacher Award, American Psychiatric Association.

2000 Steadman, H. J. and **Silver, E.** Immediate Precursors of Violence Among Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses: A Return to a Situational Perspective. In Sheilagh Hodgins (ed.), *Violence Among the Mentally Ill*. Kluwer Academic Publishers: Printed in the Netherlands.

## PUBLIC WRITING & PODCASTS

- 2025 [Attitudes toward Christian nationalism don't just boil down to views on race, religion and history – research suggests 'moral foundations' play a critical role.](#) Kerby Goff, Eric Silver, and John Iceland. *The Conversation*.
- 2024 [Understanding Polarization: A New Framework for Leaders.](#) *Sage Insights*. A podcast hosted by Tom Doorley.
- 2024 [Can We Agree to Disagree?](#) An Interview with Dr. John Iceland and Dr. Eric Silver. *PennStater Magazine: The Magazine of the Penn State Alumni Association*.
- 2024 [Reparations, Fairness and Equality: A Conversation with Dr. Eric Silver and Dr. John Iceland.](#) Getting Out of Your Own Way: A podcast hosted by Ian Allen.
- 2023 [Preparations, Not Reparations.](#) Silver, E., and Iceland, J. *Quillette*.
- 2023 [The Decline in Race Relations: The Perils of Groupthink and Motivated Reasoning.](#) Iceland, J., and Silver, E. *Heterodox: The Blog*.
- 2023 [Exactly How Much Anti-Whiteness Is There?](#) Silver, E., and Iceland, J. *Aporia Magazine*.
- 2023 [The Conflict at the Heart of Political Disagreements.](#) Iceland, J., and Silver, E. *WPSU & Democracy Works*.
- 2023 [Summary of Why We Disagree About Inequality: Social Justice vs. Social Order.](#) Iceland, J., Silver, E., and Redstone, I. *Heterodox: The Blog*.
- 2021 [Disputes Over DEI Depend on How You Define Fairness.](#) Silver, E., and Iceland, J. *Heterodox: The Blog*.

## FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2023 Silver, E. and Iceland, J. (co-PIs). The Rise of Anti-Whiteness. \$31,1600 from the Institute for Humane Studies.
- 2023 Silver, E. Iceland, J., and Goff, K. (co-PIs). Racial Resentment Writ Large: Understanding Americans' Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Institutions and Reforms. \$23,500 in seed grants from Penn State's Criminal Justice Research Center and the Social Science Research Institute.
- 2021 Silver, E., Goff, K, and Iceland, J. (co-PIs). Moral Intuitions and Public Sphere Polarization: A Focus on Christian Nationalism. \$15,000 in seed grants from: (a) McCourtney Institute for Democracy (\$5,000); (b) Rock Ethics Institute (\$2,000); and (c) College of the Liberal Arts Research and Graduate Studies Office (\$8,000).
- 2019 Silver, E. Moral Intuitions and Judicial Sentencing. Seed grant from PSU's Criminal

Justice Research Center (\$7,500).

- 2011 Felson, R. and Silver, E. Mental Disorder, Violence and Victimization among Offenders In and Out of Prison. Funded by the American Statistical Association and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (\$32,135).
- 2008 Kramer J., Silver, E., and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (co-Investigators). Evaluating the Relationship of Risk/Needs Assessment and Programming, Parole Violations and Sanctioning, and their Impact on Recidivism and Criminal Recidivism in Pennsylvania. Funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (\$256,565).
- 2000 Silver, E. (Principal Investigator), and Mulvey, E. P. (Co-PI). Violence and Mental Illness Among the General Population: Does Neighborhood Context Matter? Funded by the National Consortium on Violence Research (\$43,343).

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2008 John Kramer, **Eric Silver**, and Matthew VanEseltine. Evaluation of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole's Violation Sanction Grid. Commissioned by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- 2005 **Silver, E.**, and Kramer, J. Correctional Populations Projections Project: Statistical Analyses of the Release Decision. Commissioned by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.
- 2004 **Silver, E.**, Kempinen, C., and Bergstrom, M. Mandatory Minimum Sentencing in Pennsylvania. In collaboration with the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, commissioned by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives under House Resolution 613.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS:

- 2021 Richmond, R., and Silver, E. Moral Concerns and Bystander Reports of Wrongdoing. *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago.
- 2021 Ulmer, J., Hanrath, L., Silver, E. Reassessing Judges' Focal Concerns of Sentencing: New Survey Evidence. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*. San Antonio.
- 2020 Silver, J., Silver, E., Ulmer, J., and Hanrath, L. Moral Motives, Concern for Offenders and Victims, and Judicial Sentencing. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2019 Richmond, R., and Silver, E. Stigmatization and Morality: The Role of Binding and Individualizing Moral Intuitions. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2019 Silver, J., and Silver, E. Morality and Delinquency: A Moral Intuitionist Approach.

- American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2019 Ulmer, J., Silver, E., Silver, J., and Hanrath, L. Moral Intuitions and Sentencing. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2019 Silver, E., Ulmer, J., and Silver, J. Moral Intuitions and Sentencing. **Invited** by *Villanova Law School*.
- 2014 Silver, E., and Abell, Leslie. Beyond Harm and Fairness: A Study of Deviance and Morality. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2010 Staff, J., VanEseltine, M., Woolnough, A., Silver, E., and Burrington, L. Adolescent Work Experiences and Family Behavior. *Population Association of America*, Dallas, TX.
- 2009 Felson, R., Silver, E., and Remster, B. Mental Disorder, Violence, and Victimization among Prison Inmates. *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 Remster, Brianna, and Eric Silver. The Role of Self-Control in the Delinquency-Depression Relationship. *American Society of Criminology*, St. Louis MO.
- 2008 Gault. M., and Silver, E. Intergenerational Transmission of Risk Behavior. *American Society of Criminology*, St. Louis MO.
- 2008 Burchfield, K., and Silver. E. The Differential Effects of Private and Parochial Ties on Neighborhood Informal Social Control. *American Society of Criminology*, St. Louis MO.
- 2007 Gault, M. and Silver, E. Childhood Sexual Abuse: Do the Pathways to Externalizing and Internalizing Problems Differ for Males and Females? *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 Silver, E., Siennick, S., Farkas, G., and Rogers, S. Bodily Signs of Academic Success: An Examination of Tattoos and Grooming. **Invited** by *University of Akron Sociology Department Sociology Department*.
- 2007 Hays, Z., and Silver, E. Fear of Crime, Satisfaction with the Police, and the Desire to Escape Bad Neighborhoods. *American Sociological Association*, New York City.
- 2006 Hays, Z., and Silver, E. Perception vs. Reality: Citizen Reports of Police Officers' Use of Excessive Force. *American Society of Criminology*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2005 Hays, Z., and Silver, E. Police Abuse of Force in Neighborhoods with Low Efficacy. *American Society of Criminology*, Toronto, CA.
- 2005 Silver, E. and Teasdale, B. Mental Disorder and Violence: An Examination of Stressful Life Events and Impaired Social Support. *International Conference of the Social Sciences*. Honolulu, Hawaii.

- 2004 Silver, E., Yule, C., and Piquero, A. Violent Offending and Victimization Among Discharged Psychiatric Patients. *American Society of Criminology*, Nashville, TN.
- 2004 Fisher, W., Silver, E., Wolff, N., and Siennick, S. A “Nested Clocks” Model of Precursors to Criminal Behavior Among Persons with Severe Mental Illnesses. *American Society of Criminology*, Nashville, TN.
- 2004 Silver, E. Shooting for the Stars: Top Rated Criminology Programs and Faculty. *American Society of Criminology*, Nashville, TN.
- 2004 Silver, E., Arseneault, L., Langley, J., Caspi, A., and Moffit, T. Mental Disorder and Violent Victimization in a Total Birth Cohort. *American Psychology-Law Society*, Scottsdale, AZ.
- 2003 Silver, E. Mental Disorder and Violence: The Importance of Neighborhood Context. *International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services*, Miami, FL.
- 2003 Silver, E. The Usefulness of Actuarial Risk Assessment for Sentencing. **Invited** the *Pennsylvania Commission in Sentencing*, Harrisburg, PA.
- 2002 Silver, E. Violence and Mental Disorder: A Focus on Contexts Large and Small. **Invited** by the *American Psychology-Law Society*, Austin, TX.
- 2002 Silver, E. Violence and Mental Disorder: A Focus on Contexts Large and Small. **Invited** by *Columbia University’s Center for Violence Research and Prevention*, New York, NY.
- 2002 Silver, E. An Ecological Perspective on Mental Disorder and Violence. **Invited** by the *Habeas Assistance and Training Group of the Administrative Office of United States Courts*. Nashville, TN.
- 2002 Engel, R. S., and Silver, E. Policing Mental Disorder: A Reexamination of the Criminalization Hypothesis. **Invited** by the University of Pennsylvania’s Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2002 Silver, E. The Usefulness of Risk Assessment Tools in Sentencing. **Invited** by the *National Association of Sentencing Commissions’ National Conference on Sentencing and Justice*, Williamsburg, PA.
- 2002 Silver, E. and Miller, Lisa C. Police Satisfaction and the Structural Determinants of Collective Efficacy: Formal Contributions to Informal Social Control. *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL.
- 2002 Silver, E. and Teasdale, B. The Socioeconomic Contexts of Adolescent Violence and Depression. *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL.

- 2002 Mrozowski, B., Fretz, R., Silver, E., Mackey, R., Oliver, M., and Heilbrun, K. Characteristics of Post-Release Inmates: Escaping from Community Correctional Placements. *American Psychology-Law Society*, Austin, TX.
- 2001 Teasdale, B., and Silver, E. The Effects of Neighborhood and Family Resources on Adolescent Violence and Depression. *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2001 Chow, L., and Silver, E. A Multiple Models Approach to Assessing Recidivism Risk: Implications for Judicial Decision Making. *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2001 Miller, L. L., and Silver, E. Can Community Policing Strengthen Community? A Critical Assessment of Some Core Assumptions. *Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association*, Budapest.
- 2000 Chow, L. and Silver, E. Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts: A Multiple Models Approach to Predicting Recidivism. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2000 Engel, R. S. and Silver, E. Policing Mentally Disordered Suspects: Revisiting the Criminalization Hypothesis. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco.
- 2000 Silver, E. Accounting for Clinical Practice in Actuarial Research. *American Psychology-Law Society*, New Orleans.
- 2000 Silver, E. Furthering an Ecological Approach to the Prediction of Violence Among Discharged Psychiatric Patients. *American Psychology-Law Society*, New Orleans.
- 2000 Shepard, R. L., and Silver, E. Policing the Mentally Ill: Revisiting the Use of Arrest. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, New Orleans.
- 1999 Silver, E. Predicting Violence Among Discharged Psychiatric Patients: A Multilevel Assessment of Individual- and Community Risk Factors. *American Society of Criminology*, Toronto, Canada, November.
- 1999 Silver, E., Banks, S., and Mulvey, E. P. Between a ROC and Hard Place: Reexamining the Use of Receiver Operating Characteristics Analysis within a Two-Threshold Decision Framework. *American Society of Criminology*, Toronto, Canada, November.
- 1999 Callahan, L. and Silver, E. Using Statistical Interaction Techniques to Model Insanity Defense Outcomes. *International Congress of Law and Mental Health*, Toronto, Canada, June.
- 1999 Silver, E. Neighborhood Conditions and Patient Violence: An Ecological Perspective. *American Psychiatric Association*, Washington, DC, May.
- 1999 Steadman, H. J. and Silver, E. Immediate Precursors of Violence Among Persons with

- Serious Mental Illnesses: A Return to a Situational Perspective. *NATO Advanced Study Institute*, Tuscany, Italy, May.
- 1998 Silver, E. The Iterative Classification Tree Method for Assessing Violence Risk. **Invited** by the *Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford (CASBS)*, Palo Alto, CA, chaired by Robert Sampson and Thomas Cooke.
- 1998 Silver, E. and Banks, S. Calibrating the Potency of Violence Risk Classification Models: The Dispersion Index for Risk (DIFR). *American Society of Criminology*, Washington, DC.
- 1998 Silver, E. and Mulvey, E. P. Individual and Community Pathology: A Multi-Level Assessment of Violent Behavior Among Discharged Psychiatric Patients. *American Public Health Association*, Washington, DC.
- 1998 Callahan, L. and Silver, E. Gender and the Conditional Release of Insanity Acquittees. *American Psychology-Law Society Biennial Conference*, Redondo Beach, CA.
- 1997 Silver, E. Assessing Violence Risk Among Discharged Psychiatric Patients: Toward an Ecological Approach. *American Society of Criminology*, San Diego, CA.
- 1997 Callahan, L. and Silver, E. Characteristics Associated with the Revocation of Conditional Release of Persons Acquitted by Reason of Insanity. *XXII<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health*, Toronto, Canada.
- 1994 Silver, E. Testing the Limits of the Moral Order: A Multi-State Comparison of the Lengths of Confinement of Successful and Unsuccessful Insanity Defendants. *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 1992 Cirincione, C., Silver, E., and Steadman, H. J. Deconstructing Inaccurate Public Perceptions: Comparing the Confinements of Successful and Unsuccessful Insanity Pleas. *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1992 Callahan, L. and Silver, E. Factors Associated with the Conditional Release and Community Outcomes of Persons found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Pittsburgh, PA.

#### ACADEMIC-RELATED POSITIONS

- 2008 - 2013 Editorial Board, *Social Problems*.
- 2003 - 2011 Editorial Board, *Criminology*.
- 2003 - 2008 Steering Committee Member, National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR), a program of the National Science Foundation, directed by Alfred Blumstein.

- 1999 - 2008 Member, National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR), a program of the National Science Foundation, directed by Alfred Blumstein.
- 2003 - 2005 Research Associate, Center for Mental Health Services and Criminal Justice Research, directed by Nancy Wolff (Rutgers) William Fisher (U. Mass).
- 1993 - 1999 Senior Research Associate for the MacArthur Foundation's Violence Risk Assessment Study, directed by John Monahan.
- 1988 - 1999 Research Assistant (1988-1991), Research Associate (1991-1994), Senior Research Associate (1994-1999), Policy Research Associates, Inc., Delmar, NY (Henry J. Steadman, President). Project manager, data analyst, and research assistant for a variety of state, federal, and foundation-funded research projects and program evaluations focusing on criminal justice and mental health policy.

## CONSULTING AND ADVISORY ACTIVITIES

2002 - 2008. Family Justice, New York, NY, Ricardo Barreras, Principal Investigator. Advisory board member for a Langeloth Foundation-funded project to develop a family-based case management model for mentally disordered offenders under community supervision.

1999 - 2005. Policy Research Associates, Inc., Delmar, NY, Henry J. Steadman, Principal Investigator. Advisory board member for a federally funded project to develop and validate software for use by mental health clinicians in assessing risk for violence among discharged psychiatric patients.

2003 - 2005. Center for Mental Health Services and Criminal Justice Research, an NIMH-funded Research Center jointly operated by Rutgers University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Massachusetts, directed by Nancy Wolff, Ph.D. Member of research group working on developing funded projects to study criminal justice system responses to people with mental disorder.

2001 - 2003. Community Corrections Corporation, Trenton, NJ. Provide consultation on research to identify individual and community level variables associated with the successful reintegration of inmates into the community following release from prison.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2017 Program Area Chair, Crime and Mental Health, *American Society of Criminology* annual conference.
- 2015 Teaching Award Committee, *American Society of Criminology*.
- 2012 Program Area Chair, Crime and Mental Health, *American Society of Criminology* annual

- conference.
- 2011 Program Area Chair, Crime and Mental Health, *American Society of Criminology* annual conference.
- 2007 Program Area Chair, Evaluation Research, *American Society of Criminology* 2006 annual conference.
- 2006 Program Area Chair, Theory and Research on Violence, *American Society of Criminology* 2006 annual conference.
- 2005 Proposal Reviewer for the *National Science Foundation's* Law and Social Sciences branch.
- 2005 Member of the *American Society of Criminology's* Committee to select the Ruth Shonle Cavan Award winner for outstanding early career contributions to the discipline of criminology.
- 2005 Member of the *American Sociological Association's* Crime, Law, and Deviance section's Student Awards Committee.
- 2004 Member of the *American Society of Criminology's* Membership Committee.
- 2004 Chair of the *American Sociological Association's* Student Awards Committee - Crime, Law, and Deviance section.
- 2003 Member of the *American Society of Criminology's* Student Awards Committee.
- 2000 Program Area Chair, Community and Ecology Section, *American Society of Criminology* 2000 Annual Conference.

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Criminology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Socius*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Psychological Methods*, *Psychology*, *Public Policy*, *and the Law*, *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Policing*, *Social Currents*

## **MENTORING**

Undergraduate Honors Adviser: Alexa Calvanese (in progress, Political Ideology, Morality, and Punishment), Alana Petrovani (2024, Political Ideology, Morality, and Punishment), Rachel Sorenson (2023, Morality and Delinquency), Ella Corby (2023, Morality and Covid-19 Compliance), Brittany Divvers (2019, College Partying Behaviors and Morality); Brenna Fisher

(2018, Childhood Sexual Abuse and Moral Development); Taylor Reynolds (2018, Depression, Delinquency, and Self-Control); Matthew Belzner (2014, Guns and Morality), Craig Castiglia (2014, Morality and Labeling of Deviance), Alexandra Beyda (2013, Speech Disorder and Violence ), Lauren Zychowicz (2013, Tattoos and Stigma), Jessica Skocik (2013, Morality and Civic Participation), Kristin Kerns (completed 2012, Political Correctness in Language), Robert Englert (completed 2002, Psychopathy and Violent Behavior), Jennifer Bookwalter (completed 2003, Homelessness, Mental Disorder, and Violent Behavior), Bryon Dickson (completed 2003, Police Officer Burnout)

Dissertation Chair: Matthew VanEseltine (Sociology, 2012, currently research associate at ICR @ U. Michigan), Jennifer Calnon (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2011), Martha Gault (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2009, currently instructor at PSU), Zachary Hays (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2008, currently associate professor at Cal State, Bakersfield), Keri Burchfield (Sociology, 2005, currently associate professor at Northern Illinois University), Brent Teasdale (Sociology, 2004, currently professor at Illinois State University)

Dissertation Committee Member: Lily Hanrath (Criminology 2021); Andrew Krajewski (Criminology, 2021); Jack Byerly (Sociology, 2019), Patrick Cundiff (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2013), Laine Briddell (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2009), Carrie Williamson (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2009), Sonja Siennick (Sociology, 2009), Stacy Hoskins (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2008), Benjamin Feldmeyer (Sociology, 2007), Aref Jabour (Psychology, 2007), Meredith Grief (Sociology, 2006), Naomi Shoss (Psychology, 2006), Suzi Agha (Sociology, 2005), Sara Zhong (Sociology, 2005), Amy Adamczyk (Sociology, 2005), Virginia Schiefelbein (Health and Human Development, 2005), Inga Sigfusdottir (Sociology, 2004), Mindy Wilson (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2004), Aref Jabbour (Psychology, 2004), Jennifer Shaffer (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2003), Amy Anderson (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2003), Melissa Logue (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2003), Bridget Goosby (Sociology, 2003), Young Sin Kim (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2001), Maureen Outlaw (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2001), Mark Motivans (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2000)

Master's Thesis Chair: Ryan Richmond (Sociology, 2020), Brianna Remster (Crime, Law, and Justice, 2009), Brent Teasdale (Crime, Law, and Justice 2002)

Master's Committee Member: Adele Costigan (2011), Matthew VanEseltine (2008), Kelsea Lane (2007), Martha Gault (2006), Matthew Schroeder (2005), Sonja Siennick (2005), Matthew Marlay (2005), Stacy Hoskins (2004), Benjamin Feldmeyer (2004), Christine Van Asten (2004), Suzanne Agha (2001), Mindy Wilson (2001), Matt Binder (2001), Amy Anderson (2000), Melissa Logue (2000), Jennifer Schaefer (2000)

## **SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY**

Member, Graduate Committee, Criminology Program, 2024 to present.

Member, Liberal Arts Research & Graduate Studies Dissertation Funding Review Committee, 2025-present.

Member, Liberal Arts Big Ideas Certificate Development Committee, 2024-present.

Chair, Non-Tenure Track Promotion Committee, 2022-2023, 2021-2022

Graduate Student Job Placement Committee, 2020-2021, 2019-2021

Advisory Committee Member, World Campus Law and Society Bachelor of Arts degree program, 2017- present

Chair, Faculty Search Committee – Criminology, 2018 – 2019 (resulted in hiring Pamela Wilcox and Megan Kurlychek)

Co-Chair, Liberal Arts Research Computing Advisory Group, 2014 - 2017

Chair, Dean’s Lecturers Advisory Committee, 2014-2015

Department Head, Review Committee: Political Science, 2019; Applied Linguistics, 2017; Labor and Employment Relations, 2017; Psychology, 2017; History, 2015.

Department Head, Search Committees: French and Francophone Studies, 2017; Anthropology, 2016; African American Studies, 2016; Economics, 2015; German, 2015; Philosophy, 2014, 2015; Comparative Literature, 2014; French, 2014; Political Science, 2014; Women’s Studies, 2014.

Chair, Undergraduate Criminal Justice Honors Society (Alpha, Phi, Sigma): 2001 to 2008.

University Faculty Senator, 2007-2008 (elected), Penn State

Sociology Departmental Head Search Committee, 2006, 2004, 2002

College of the Liberal Arts Awards Committee, 2005-2006

College of the Liberal Arts Dissertation Grant Review Committee, 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Undergraduate: Knowing Right from Wrong (a course on morality), Sociology of Deviance, Introduction to Criminology, Advanced Criminology, Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology,

Graduate: Moral Criminology, Communities and Crime, Research Methods, Introduction to Graduate Studies, Graduate Teaching Seminar

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2023 - Thompson Woods Preserve Governance Committee. Thompson Woods is a nature preserve located in College Township close to downtown State College, PA.

2021 - 2022 Chair, Centre Hills Village Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee, Ex-Officio member of College Township's Local Traffic Advisory Committee.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

2014 – present Heterodox Academy